

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following heading at page 1, before line 4, as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 4, which starts "The present invention" with the following amended paragraph:

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The present invention relates to a transmission belt for a continuously variable transmission ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~ The present invention also relates to a transmission and to a vehicle wherein such a transmission belt is applied.

Please insert the following heading at page 1, between lines 29 and 30, as follows:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 33, which starts "According to the invention" with the following amended paragraph:

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According to the invention this is achieved by a construction ~~according to the characterising portion of independent claim 1~~ discussed below. An important insight underlying the invention is that in such a construction the radial position of the contact line notionally displaces when the adjacent transverse elements mutual tilt without the overall radial position of the transverse elements notionally changing.

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Consequently, with respect to the known belt, the maximum and the minimum radius of the ~~said~~ bent trajectory parts of the belt have decreased when applied in the transmission, whereby the amount of displacement of the contact line increases with the amount of mutual tilting, i.e. the tilting angle, and is thus inversely proportional to the radius of the bent trajectory part. Since the transmission ratio coverage is determined by the quotient of the maximum and the minimum radius of the ~~said~~ bent trajectory parts, it is advantageously increased. An example by way of calculation is provided in the figure description.

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Please insert the following heading at page 4, between lines 18 and 19 as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please insert the following heading at page 4, between lines 31 and 33 as follows:

DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS